

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 20-23, 27, 28, 30-36, 40, 41 and 43-45 were pending of which Claims 20-22, and 33-35 were rejected and Claims 23, 27, 28, 30-32, 36, 40, 41, and 43-45 were allowed. Claims 20-22 and 33-35 are cancelled by this amendment. Thus, claims 23, 27, 28, 30-32, 36, 40, 41, and 43-45 remain pending and were allowed by the Examiner.

No new matter has been added in the claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner stated that "Claims 23, 27, 28, 30-32, 36, 40, 41, and 43-45 are allowable. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 20-23 and 33-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kosaka (US Pat. No. 6,724,930) in view of Wakashiro (US pat no 6,901,151).

To expedite the issuance of a notice of allowance for this case, Applicant has decided to cancel claims 20-23 and 33-35. Thus Applicant respectfully submit that the rejection of Claims 20-23 and 33-35 has been rendered moot. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuation at a later date to argue the merits of Claims 20-23 and 33-35.

CONCLUSION

Claims 20-45 were pending of which Claims 20-25, 29, 31-38, 42, and 44-45 were rejected and Claims 26-28, 30, 39-41, and 43 were objected to. Claims 24-26, 29, 37-39 and 42 are cancelled by this amendment. Claim 20, 23, 27, 28, 30, 33, 36, 40, 41, and 43, are amended. For the reasons given above Applicants respectfully request allowance of the

Claims. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this response, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (408) 857-0559.

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